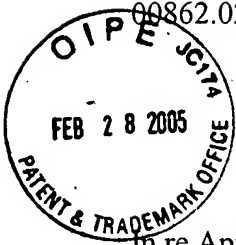


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JP 11-331592

JP 11-331592 was cited during prosecution of a Chinese patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. A copy of the Chinese Office Action is enclosed.

An English-language abstract JP 11-331592 is enclosed. In addition, U.S. Published Application No. 2004/0028286 is believed to correspond to JP 11-331592.

Inasmuch as the subject application has not yet received a first Office Action, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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Respectfully submitted,

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